
First Baptist Dyersburg • Sermon Notes

FULLY SUPPORTED

Big House Weekend

Sunday, August 9, 2026

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Friday night: FULLY GOD (Colossians 1:15-20)

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. (Colossians 1:15-16, NLT)

Saturday morning: FULLY REDEEMED (Colossians 2:8-15)

¹³ You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. (Colossians 2:13-15, NLT)

Saturday evening: FULLY ABLE (Colossians 3:1-17)

⁵ So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶ Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. ⁷ You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. ⁸ But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. ⁹ Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. ¹⁰ Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. (Colossians 3:5-10, NLT)

Sunday morning: FULLY SUPPORTED (Colossians 4:2-17)

² Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

³ Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. ⁴ Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

⁵ Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. (Colossians 4:2-6, NLT)

Prayer is not designed to change God; it is designed to change us. Prayer is not calling God in to bless our activities. Rather, prayer takes us into God's presence, show us His will, and prepares us to obey Him. . . . God will use your prayer times to soften your heart and change your focus. As you pray for others, the Holy Spirit will work in your heart so that you have the same compassion for them that God does (Romans 8:26-27). If you do not love people as you should, pray for them. If you are not as active in God's service as you know He wants you to be, begin praying. You cannot be intimately exposed to God's heart and remain complacent. The time spent with God will change you and make you more like Christ. (Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing God Day-by-Day*, October 6)

Paul's Final Instructions and Greetings

⁷ Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord's work. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose—to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you. ⁹ I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. ¹¹ Jesus (the one we call Justus) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been!

¹² Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. ¹³ I can assure you that he prays hard for you and also for the believers in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

¹⁴ Luke, the beloved doctor, sends his greetings, and so does Demas. ¹⁵ Please give my greetings to our brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church that meets in her house.

¹⁶ After you have read this letter, pass it on to the church at Laodicea so they can read it, too. And you should read the letter I wrote to them.

¹⁷ And say to Archippus, "Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you."

¹⁸ HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING—PAUL.

Remember my chains.

May God's grace be with you. (Colossians 4:7-18, NLT)

Tychicus:

- Beloved _____
- Faithful _____
- Fellow _____

Onesimus:

- _____ of Colossae. (One of their own!)
- Runaway _____ of Philemon who was won to Christ by Paul in Rome.
- _____
- _____

Aristarchus:

- Fellow _____ with Paul in Rome.
- A Jewish believer that was a great comfort to Paul while he was in prison.

Mark:

- Another Jewish Christ-follower and a fellow _____ with Paul in Rome. The people of Colossae were encouraged to welcome him if he were able to come visit them. Mark was a great comfort

Jesus (the one called Justus):

- Another Jewish Christ-follower and a fellow _____ with Paul in Rome.

Epaphras:

- A _____ of the church in Colossae.

- An _____ prayer warrior for the people of this church, asking God to make them _____ and perfect, fully confident they are following the whole will of God. He was also praying for believers in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

Luke:

- Beloved _____

Greetings to the believers at Laodicea and to Nympha:

Archippus:

- Keep running the _____ and don't give up on the ministry the _____ has given you.

What do Christian friends do for one another?

1. Love one another (Mark 12:31)
2. Pray for one another (Colossians 4:3)
3. Speak truth to one another (Ephesians 4:25)
4. Hold one another accountable (Galatians 6:1)
5. Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
6. Encourage one another to do good (Heb. 10:24)
7. Meet needs for one another (1 John 3:17)

¹²This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other. (John 15:12-17, NLT)